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**PAID-UP
OIL & GAS LEASE**

Lease No. _____

4/08 - PA

This Lease made this 9th day of July, 2008, by and between: **MILTON F. GEBHARDT** of 4570 Dutch Ridge Road, Beaver, Pennsylvania 15009, hereinafter collectively called "Lessor" and the **MOUNTAINEER NATURAL GAS COMPANY**, a Pennsylvania Corporation, with a registered mailing address of 16 West Cherry Avenue, Washington, Pennsylvania, hereinafter called "Lessee".

WITNESSETH, that for and in consideration of the premises, and of the mutual covenants and agreements hereinafter set forth, the Lessor and Lessee agree as follows:

LEASING CLAUSE. Lessor hereby leases exclusively to Lessee all the oil and gas (including, but not limited to coal seam gas, coalbed methane gas, coalbed gas, methane gas, gob gas, occluded methane/natural gas and all associated natural gas and other hydrocarbons and non-hydrocarbons contained in, associated with, emitting from, or produced/originating within any formation, gob area, mined-out area, coal seam, and all communicating zones), and their liquid or gaseous constituents, whether hydrocarbon or non-hydrocarbon, underlying the land herein leased, together with such exclusive rights as may be necessary or convenient for Lessee, at its election, to explore for, develop, produce, measure, and market production from the Leasehold, and from adjoining lands, using methods and techniques which are not restricted to current technology, including the right to conduct geophysical and other exploratory tests; to drill, maintain, operate, cease to operate, plug, abandon, and remove wells; to use or install roads, electric power and telephone facilities, and to construct pipelines with appurtenant facilities, including data acquisition, compression and collection facilities for use in the production and transportation of products from the Leasehold or from neighboring lands across the Leasehold, to use oil, gas, and non-domestic water sources, free of cost, to store gas of any kind underground, regardless of the source thereof, including the injecting of gas therein and removing the same therefrom; to protect stored gas; to operate, maintain, repair, and remove material and equipment.

DESCRIPTION. The Leasehold is located in the Township of Brighton, in the County of Beaver, in the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, and described as follows:

Property Tax Parcel Identification Numbers: 55-152-0138.000-01-1 67.29 acres 55-152-0138.001-01-1 5.83 acres

and is bounded formerly or currently as follows:

On the North by lands of <u>Rall</u>	<u>Gebhardt;</u>
On the East by lands of <u>Jones/Gebhardt</u>	<u>Jones;</u>
On the South by lands of <u>Small Lots 55-37</u>	<u>Dutch Ridge Road;</u>
On the West by lands of <u>Small Lots 55-46</u>	<u>Gebhardt;</u>

including lands acquired from Heritage Land Dev. et al. by virtue of deed dated January 15, 1982, and recorded at Deed Book 1176, Page 185, and including lands acquired from Gebhardt et al. by virtue of deed dated April 4, 1980, and recorded at Deed Book 1144, Page 425, and described for the purposes of this agreement as containing a total of 73 +/- acres, whether actually more or less, and including contiguous lands owned by Lessor. This Lease also covers and includes, in addition to that above described, all land, if any, contiguous or adjacent to or adjoining the land above described and (a) owned or claimed by Lessor, by limitation, prescription, possession, reversion or unrecorded instrument or (b) as to which Lessor has a preference right of acquisition. Lessor agrees to execute any supplemental instrument requested by Lessee for a more complete or accurate description of said land.

LEASE TERM. This Lease shall remain in force for a primary term of Ten (10) years from 12:00 A.M. July 9, 2008 (effective date) to 11:59 P.M. July 9, 2018 (last day of primary term) and shall continue beyond the primary term as to the entirety of the Leasehold if any of the following is satisfied: (i) operations are conducted on the Leasehold or lands pooled/unitized therewith in search of oil, gas, or their constituents, or (ii) a well deemed by Lessee to be capable of production is located on the Leasehold or lands pooled/unitized therewith, or (iii) oil or gas, or their constituents, are produced from the Leasehold or lands pooled/unitized therewith, or (iv) if the Leasehold or lands pooled/unitized therewith is used for the underground storage of gas, or for the protection of stored gas, or (v) if prescribed payments are made, or (vi) if Lessee's operations are delayed, postponed or interrupted as a result of any coal, stone or other mining or mining related operation under any existing and effective lease, permit or authorization covering such operations on the leased premises or on other lands affecting the leased premises, such delay will automatically extend the primary or secondary term of this oil and gas lease without additional compensation or performance by Lessee for a period of time equal to any such delay, postponement or interruption.

NO AUTOMATIC TERMINATION OR FORFEITURE.

(A) **CONSTRUCTION OF LEASE:** The language of this Lease (including, but not limited to, the Lease Term and Extension of Term clauses) shall never be read as language of special limitation. This Lease shall be construed against termination, forfeiture, cancellation or expiration and in favor of giving effect to the continuation of this Lease where the circumstances exist to maintain this Lease in effect under any of the alternative mechanisms set forth above. In connection therewith, (i) a well shall be deemed to be capable of production if it has the capacity to produce a profit over operating costs, without regard to any capital costs to drill or equip the well, or to deliver the oil or gas to market, and (ii) the Lessee shall be deemed to be conducting operations in search of oil or gas, or their constituents, if the Lessee is engaged in geophysical and other exploratory work including, but not limited to, activities to drill an initial well, to drill a new well, or to rework, stimulate, deepen, sidetrack, frac, plug back in the same or different formation or repair a well or equipment on the Leasehold or any lands pooled/unitized therewith (such activities shall include, but not be limited to, performing any preliminary or preparatory work necessary for drilling, conducting internal technical analysis to initiate and/or further develop a well, obtaining permits and approvals associated therewith and may include reasonable gaps in activities provided that there is a continuum of activities showing a good faith effort to develop a well or that the cessation or interruption of activities was beyond the control of Lessee, including interruptions caused by the acts of third parties over whom Lessee has no control or regulatory delays associated with any approval process required for conducting such activities).

(B) **LIMITATION OF FORFEITURE:** This Lease shall never be subject to a civil action or proceeding to enforce a claim of termination, cancellation, expiration or forfeiture due to any action or inaction by the Lessee, including, but not limited to making any prescribed payments authorized under the terms of this Lease, unless the Lessee has received written notice of Lessor's demand and thereafter fails or refuses to satisfy or provide justification responding to Lessor's demand within 60 days from the receipt of such notice. If Lessee timely responds to Lessor's demand, but in good faith disagrees with Lessor's position and sets forth the reasons therefore, such a response shall be deemed to satisfy this provision, this Lease shall continue in full force and effect and no further damages (or other claims for relief) will accrue in Lessor's favor during the pendency of the dispute, other than claims for payments that may be due under the terms of this Lease.

equal in amount and frequency to the annual Delay Rental payment, and this Lease shall remain in full force and effect to the same extent as payment of Royalty.

(D) **SHUT-IN:** In the event that production of oil, gas, or their constituents is interrupted and not marketed for a period of twelve months, and there is no producing well on the Leasehold or lands pooled/unitized therewith, Lessee shall thereafter, as Royalty for constructive production, pay a Shut-in Royalty equal in amount and frequency to the annual Delay Rental payment until such time as production is re-established (or lessee surrenders the Lease) and this Lease shall remain in full force and effect. During Shut-in, Lessee shall have the right to rework, stimulate, or deepen any well on the Leasehold or to drill a new well on the Leasehold in an effort to re-establish production, whether from an original producing formation or from a different formation. In the event that the production from the only producing well on the Leasehold is interrupted for a period of less than twelve months, this Lease shall remain in full force and effect without payment of Royalty or Shut-in Royalty.

(E) **DAMAGES:** Lessee will remove unnecessary equipment and materials and reclaim all disturbed lands at the completion of activities, and Lessee agrees to repair any damaged improvements to the land and pay for the loss of growing crops or marketable timber.

(F) **MANNER OF PAYMENT:** Lessee shall make or tender all payments due hereunder by check, payable to Lessor, at Lessor's last known address, and Lessee may withhold any payment pending notification by Lessor of a change in address. Payment may be tendered by mail or any comparable method (e.g., Federal Express), and payment is deemed complete upon mailing or dispatch. Where the due date for any payment specified herein falls on a holiday, Saturday or Sunday, payment tendered (mailed or dispatched) on the next business day is timely.

(G) **CHANGE IN LAND OWNERSHIP:** Lessee shall not be bound by any change in the ownership of the Leasehold until furnished with such documentation as Lessee may reasonably require. Pending the receipt of documentation, Lessee may elect either to continue to make or withhold payments as if such a change had not occurred.

(H) **TITLE:** If Lessee receives evidence that Lessor does not have title to all or any part of the rights herein leased, Lessee may immediately withhold payments that would be otherwise due and payable hereunder to Lessor until the adverse claim is fully resolved.

(I) **LIENS:** Lessee may at its option pay and discharge any past due taxes, mortgages, judgments, or other liens and encumbrances on or against any land or interest included in the Leasehold; and Lessee shall be entitled to recover from the debtor, with legal interest and costs, by deduction from any future payments to Lessor or by any other lawful means.

(J) **CHARACTERIZATION OF PAYMENTS:** Payments set forth herein are covenants, not special limitations, regardless of the manner in which these payments may be invoked. Any failure on the part of the Lessee to timely or otherwise properly tender payment can never result in an automatic termination, expiration, cancellation, or forfeiture of this Lease. Lessor recognizes and acknowledges that oil and gas lease payments, in the form of rental, bonus and royalty, can vary depending on multiple factors and that this Lease is the product of good faith negotiations. Lessor hereby agrees that the payment terms, as set forth herein, and any bonus payments paid to Lessor constitute full consideration for the Leasehold. Lessor further agrees that such payment terms and bonus payments are final and that Lessor will not seek to amend or modify the lease payments, or seek additional consideration based upon any differing terms which Lessee has or will negotiate with any other lessor/oil and gas owner.

(K) **PAYMENT REDUCTIONS:** If Lessor owns a lesser interest in the oil or gas than the entire undivided fee simple estate, then the rentals (except for Delay Rental payments as set forth above), royalties and shut-in royalties hereunder shall be paid to Lessor only in the proportion which Lessor's interest bears to the whole and undivided fee.

UNITIZATION AND POOLING. Lessor grants Lessee the right to pool, unitize, or combine all or parts of the Leasehold with other lands, whether contiguous or not contiguous, leased or unleased, whether owned by Lessee or by others, at a time before or after drilling to create drilling or production units either by contract right or pursuant to governmental authorization. Pooling or unitizing in one or more instances shall not exhaust Lessee's pooling and unitizing rights hereunder, and Lessee is granted the right to change the size, shape, and conditions of operation or payment of any unit created. Lessor agrees to accept and receive out of the production or the revenue realized from the production of such unit, such proportional share of the Royalty from each unit well as the number of Leasehold acres included in the unit bears to the total number of acres in the unit. Otherwise, as to any part of the unit, drilling, operations in preparation for drilling, production, or shut-in production from the unit, or payment of Royalty, Shut-in Royalty, Delay in Marketing payment or Delay Rental attributable to any part of the unit (including non-Leasehold land) shall have the same effect upon the terms of this Lease as if a well were located on, or the subject activity attributable to, the Leasehold. In the event of conflict or inconsistency between the Leasehold acres ascribed to the Lease and the local property tax assessment calculation of the lands covered by the Lease, Lessee may, at its option, rely on the latter as being determinative for the purposes of this paragraph.

FACILITIES. Lessee shall not drill a well within 200 feet of any structure located on the Leasehold without Lessor's written consent. Lessor shall not erect any building or structure, or plant any trees within 200 feet of a well or within 25 feet of a pipeline without Lessee's written consent. Lessor shall not improve, modify, degrade, or restrict roads and facilities built by Lessee without Lessee's written consent.

CONVERSION TO STORAGE. Lessee is hereby granted the right to convert the Leasehold or lands pooled/unitized therewith to gas storage. At the time of conversion, Lessee shall pay Lessor's proportionate part for the estimated recoverable gas remaining in the well drilled pursuant to this Lease using methods of calculating gas reserves as are generally accepted by the natural gas industry and, in the event that all wells on the Leasehold and/or lands pooled/unitized therewith have permanently ceased production, Lessor shall be paid a Conversion to Storage payment in an amount equal to Delay Rental for as long thereafter as the Leasehold or lands pooled/unitized therewith is/are used for gas storage or for protection of gas storage; such Conversion to Storage payment shall first become due upon the next ensuing Delay Rental anniversary date. The use of any part of the Leasehold or lands pooled or unitized therewith for the underground storage of gas, or for the protection of stored gas will extend this Lease beyond the primary term as to all rights granted by this Lease, including but not limited to production rights, regardless of whether the production and storage rights are owned together or separately.

TITLE AND INTERESTS. Lessor hereby warrants generally and agrees to defend title to the Leasehold and covenants that Lessee shall have quiet enjoyment hereunder and shall have benefit of the doctrine of after acquired title. Should any person having title to the Leasehold fail to execute this Lease, the Lease shall nevertheless be binding upon all persons who do execute it as Lessor.

LEASE DEVELOPMENT. There is no implied covenant to drill, prevent drainage, further develop or market production within the primary term or any extension of term of this Lease. There shall be no Leasehold forfeiture, termination, expiration or cancellation for failure to comply with said implied covenants. Provisions herein, including, but not limited to the prescribed payments, constitute full compensation for the privileges herein granted.

COVENANTS. This Lease and its expressed or implied covenants shall not be subject to termination, forfeiture of rights, or damages due to failure to comply with obligations if compliance is effectively prevented by federal, state, or local law, regulation, or decree, or the acts God and/or third parties over whom Lessee has no control.

RIGHT OF FIRST REFUSAL. If at any time within the primary term of this Lease or any continuation or extension thereof, Lessor receives any bona fide offer, acceptable to Lessor, to grant an additional lease ("Top Lease") covering all or part of the Leasehold, Lessee shall have the continuing option by meeting any such offer to acquire a Top Lease on equivalent terms and conditions. Any offer must be in writing and must set forth the proposed Lessee's name, bonus consideration and royalty consideration to be paid for such Top Lease, and include a copy of the lease form to be utilized reflecting all pertinent and relevant terms and conditions of the Top Lease. Lessee shall have fifteen (15) days after receipt from Lessor of a complete copy of any such offer to advise Lessor in writing of its election to enter into an oil and gas lease with Lessor on equivalent terms and conditions. If Lessee fails to

prevention or delay shall be added to the term hereof. Lessee shall not be liable for breach of any provisions or implied covenants of this Lease when drilling, production or other operations are so prevented or delayed.

SEVERABILITY. If any provision of this Lease is held invalid or unenforceable by any court of competent jurisdiction, the other provisions of this Agreement will remain in full force and effect. Any provision of this Agreement held invalid or unenforceable only in part or degree will remain in full force and effect to the extent not held invalid or unenforceable.

COUNTERPARTS. This Lease may be executed in one or more counterparts, each of which will be deemed to be an original copy of this Lease and all of which, when taken together, will be deemed to constitute one and the same agreement.

MUTUAL AGREEMENT FOR DEVELOPMENT OF PROPERTY. Notwithstanding anything hereinabove provided, it is understood and agreed that all well locations, roads, and pipelines to be constructed on the property shall be located by the mutual agreement of the parties. Lessee shall mark the proposed wells, roads, and pipelines on the property and thereafter notify Lessor for the purpose of obtaining their consent, which consent shall not be unreasonably withheld. If Lessor does not object to Lessee's proposed location on the property within 10 days after being notified of Lessee's designation on the property, Lessor shall be deemed to have consented.

FREE GAS CLAUSE. If, and only if, Lessor is entitled to receive free gas, whether by virtue of the ownership of the surface of the leased premises and either all the oil and gas underlying the same, or an undivided interest in the oil and gas underlying the same, or the express record title right to receive free gas, then upon approval of Lessor's written request for free gas, and after Lessor has obtained 100% written consent from all owners having the legal right to receive revenue from a productive well on the leased premises, and Lessor's execution of Lessee's Delivery of Free Gas and Overburn Gas Agreement, one (1) Lessor may lay a line to any one (1) producing gas well on the leased premises and take up to two hundred thousand (200,000) cubic feet of gas during any single twelve (12) month period for domestic use in one currently existing primary dwelling owned at all times by Lessor and located within a one thousand (1,000') foot radius from said well on the leased premises; subject, however to such well being capable of producing in commercial quantities and of commercial quality suitable for domestic use; the existence and availability of a local distribution company willing to administer, control, monitor, and service such free gas usage to the specifications and requirements of Lessee; and subject further to the use, maintenance, operation, production, limited deliverability, and right of shut-in and/or plugging and abandonment by Lessee of its well(s), equipment and pipelines on the leased premises. Lessor shall secure such gas by service line laid to and connected to such well on said leased premises in accordance with all applicable laws, rules and regulations, the point of connection to be designated by Lessee and Lessor shall assume the entire risk and all expenses associated with securing and using such gas and agrees, to the fullest extent of applicable law, to release and indemnify Lessee from and against any and all claims or causes of action arising therefrom or relating thereto. If Lessor in any year uses gas in excess of the quantity provided for herein, Lessor shall pay for all overburn gas at the current established retail rate in the area or at the rate charged by the local distribution company administering the free gas usage, but Lessee assumes no obligation to furnish Lessor with gas in excess of the quantity provided herein. The measurement and regulation of such gas shall be by meter regulators furnished by Lessor, subject to Lessee's approval, and set at the tap on the well. Notwithstanding the foregoing provisions, in the event the leased premises are made a part of a unit or pooled with other acreage and the well(s) has been drilled on another lease, the Lessor hereunder will not be entitled to use wellhead gas, free or otherwise. The rights granted herein related to free gas are not assignable or transferable to a party not currently owning an interest in the leasehold premises. Notwithstanding the foregoing, the specific terms and conditions of free gas use shall be governed and controlled by the Agreement for Delivery of Free Gas and Overburn Gas. Lessee shall be fully relieved of any further obligation to provide free gas or alternative payment to Lessor if any of the conditions provided hereinabove are not satisfied. At the time application is made for free gas, Lessee shall have the option to make an annual cash payment to the qualified applicant(s) equal to 200,000 cubic feet of gas multiplied by the average price received by Lessee during the preceding year of production in lieu of providing free gas and said sum shall thereafter permanently discharge Lessee's obligation under this lease to provide gas free of cost to Lessor, his successors, heirs and assigns.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the parties to this agreement have hereunto set their hands and seals the day and year first above written.

LESSOR

By: Milton F. Gebhardt
MILTON F. GEBHARDT

LESSEE

MOUNTAINEER NATURAL GAS COMPANY

By: Nathan Comfort
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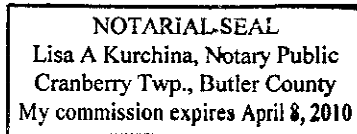
MOUNTAINEER NATURAL GAS LEAS

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COMMONWEALTH OF PENNSYLVANIA
COUNTY OF BEAVER

On this, the 9th day of July 2008, before me, a Notary Public in and for the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, the undersigned individual, personally appeared, **MILTON F. GEBHARDT**, LESSOR, who acknowledged herself to be the LESSOR named in the foregoing instrument, being authorized to do so, executed the foregoing instrument for the purposes therein contained by signing her name to the instrument.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I hereunto set my hand and official seal.



My commission expires:

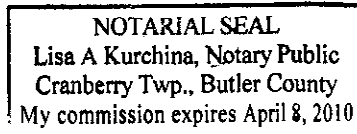
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Notary Public

COMMONWEALTH OF PENNSYLVANIA
COUNTY OF WASHINGTON

On this, the 9th day of July 2008, before me, a Notary Public in and for the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, the undersigned individual, personally appeared, Nathan Comfort, who acknowledged himself to be the President of **MOUNTAINEER NATURAL GAS COMPANY**, LESSEE, who acknowledged himself to be the person who signed the foregoing instrument, being authorized to do so, executed the foregoing instrument for the purposes therein contained by signing his name as president to the instrument.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I hereunto set my hand and official seal.



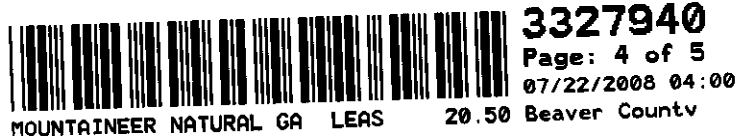
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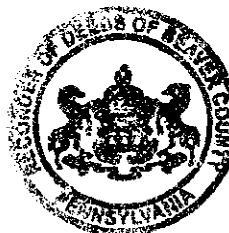
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Mountaineer Natural Gas
c/o Nate Comfort
16 W. Cherry Ave.
Washington, PA 15301



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I hereby CERTIFY that this document is recorded in the Recorder's Office of Beaver County, Pennsylvania

Janice Jacobus Beall



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DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE
BUREAU OF INDIVIDUAL TAXES
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Complete each section and file in duplicate with Recorder of Deeds when (1) the full value/consideration is not set forth in the deed, (2) when the deed is without consideration, or by gift, or (3) a tax exemption is claimed. A Statement of Value is not required if the transfer is wholly exempt from tax based on: (1) family relationship or (2) public utility easement. If more space is needed, attach additional sheet(s).

A. CORRESPONDENT - All inquiries may be directed to the following person:

Name Brian Teslovich Telephone Number: (724) 323-4656
Street Address 16 West Cherry Ave. E City Washington State PA Zip Code 15301

B. TRANSFER DATA

Date of Acceptance of Document

Grantor(s)/Lessor(s) Milton F. Gebhardt Grantee(s)/Lessee(s) Mountaineer Natural Gas Company
Street Address 4570 Dutch Ridge Road Street Address P.O. Box 4001
City Beaver State PA Zip Code 15009 City Morgantown State WV Zip Code 26505

C. PROPERTY LOCATION

Street Address 4570 Dutch Ridge Road City, Township, Borough Brighton Township
County Beaver School District Beaver Tax Parcel Number 55-152-0138 001-01-1
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D. VALUATION DATA

1. Actual Cash Consideration <u>0</u>	2. Other Consideration <u>+</u> <u>0</u>	3. Total Consideration <u>=</u> <u>0</u>
4. County Assessed Value	5. Common Level Ratio Factor <u>X</u>	6. Fair Market Value <u>=</u>

E. EXEMPTION DATA

1a. Amount of Exemption Claimed _____ 1b. Percentage of Interest Conveyed _____

2. Check Appropriate Box Below for Exemption Claimed

- ☐ Will or intestate succession _____ (N)
- ☐ Transfer to Industrial Development Agency.
- ☐ Transfer to a trust. (Attach complete copy of trust agreement identifying all beneficiaries.)
- ☐ Transfer between principal and agent. (Attach complete copy of agency/straw party agreement.)
- ☐ Transfers to the Commonwealth, the United States and Instrumentalities by gift, dedication, condemnation or in lieu of condemnation. (If condemnation or in lieu of condemnation, attach copy of resolution.)
- ☐ Transfer from mortgagor to a holder of a mortgage in default. Mortgage Book Number _____, Page Number _____
- ☐ Corrective or confirmatory deed. (Attach complete copy of the prior deed being corrected or confirmed.)
- ☐ Statutory corporate consolidation, merger or division. (Attach copy of articles.)
- ☒ Other (Please explain exemption claimed, if other than listed above.) _____

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Under penalties of law, I declare that I have examined this Statement, including accompanying information, and to the best of my knowledge and belief, it is true, correct and complete.

Signature of Correspondent or Responsible Party _____

Date _____

FAILURE TO COMPLETE THIS FORM PROPERLY OR ATTACH APPLICABLE DOCUMENTATION MAY RESULT IN THE RECORDER'S REFUSAL TO RECORD THE DEED.